

Charter Review Issues - 1/22/2008

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Animal control	Janet Herrion	More on-duty animal control officers are needed. Increase their budget and/or enact laws to make things better for current officers. More aggressive laws against vicious and aggressive dogs are needed.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	7/1/2007	Mail	Herrion, Janet	
Annexation	Kathy Lambert	Boundary review board allow the leaders of the cities who will absorb the potential annexation areas to govern the land use policies in those areas	Committee considering		Legal difficulties	Rural/Local Issues	6/21/2007	Hearing-Preston	Lambert, Kathy 2	
Annexation	Suburban Cities Association (via Sonny Putter)	Land developed in PAA's should be compatible with the comprehensive plan and development standards of the City designated to annex the area. The Cities and the County should work cooperatively to find ways to condition new development in a PAA on meeting the City's standards and first agree that no further development would take place except at the City's standards.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Rural/Local Issues	3/21/2007	Mail	Suburban Cities Association - Annexation	New
Annexation	Suburban Cities Association (via Sonny Putter)	The County should create and actively implement a strategy to encourage the support of local PAA residents for annexations. In doing so, the County should acknowledge that existing annexation law limits a City's ability to annex an area without the sufficient support of property owners and/or voters.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	3/21/2007	Mail	Suburban Cities Association - Annexation	New
Annexation	Suburban Cities Association (via Sonny Putter)	There should be a mechanism, such as bonding with annexation, that will allow the debt burden to be transferred from County to City in a manner that can be approved by both parties.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	3/21/2007	Mail	Suburban Cities Association - Annexation	New
Anti-Discrimination	Janet Sailer	Update Article 8, Section 840 (Anti-Discrimination) to add the words "sexual orientation". This will bring us up to the 21st century.	Committee considering		Yes	TBD	7/19/2007	Web form	Sailer, Janet	840
Auditor	34th District Democrats (via Ivan Weiss)	The Auditor should remain appointed.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/20/2007	Hearing-West Seattle	34th District Democrats	250
Auditor	Brian Derdowski	In favor of electing the auditor. Performance audits should be by the auditor's office.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Derdowski, Brian	250
Auditor	Chris Eggen	In favor of electing the auditor.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Eggen, Chris	250
Auditor	Goodspaceguy Nelson	In favor of electing the auditor.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing-Kent	Nelson, Goodspaceguy	250
Budget	Cheryl Markham	King County could be more efficient if went to a biennial budget rather than an annual budget.	Needs consideration	Group budget issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	7/10/2007	Web form	Markham, Cheryl	
Budget	City of Burien, City Council (via Mike Martin)	Separate the county regional budget from the local service budget.	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	7/27/2007	Mail	City of Burien, City Council	Article 4
Budget	David Field	Budgets should be zero based. You should have to justify your expenditures, not just spend the whole allocation and ask for more next year.	Needs consideration	Group budget issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Field, David	Article 4
Budget	David Field	The county budget office should be an autonomous unit, not part of the Executive's office. The budget can be used as a toy to coerce what the executive wants from the council.	Needs consideration	Group budget issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Field, David	Article 4

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Budget	Kathy Lambert	Issue: Budget proposals do not include information about the debt ceiling and changes in reserves. (Section 430) Proposal: Require the Executive to include debt ceiling and reserve figures in the budget proposal.	Needs consideration	Group budget issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	430
Budget	Kathy Lambert	Issue: Budgets for capital projects do not include line items for mitigation expenses, which are shuttled around among other budget categories and are of concern to the county Auditor. (Section 430) Proposal: Require capital project budgets to include mitigation costs as separate budget items.	Needs consideration	Group budget issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	430
Budget	Kathy Lambert	Issue: Capital projects in the budget may not be abandoned unless recommended by the Executive. (Section 475) Proposal: Allow the Council to approve abandonment of any capital project without an Executive recommendation.	Needs consideration	Group budget issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	475
Budget	Kathy Lambert	Issue: Councilmembers learn about the Executive's proposed budget from the media instead of from the Executive, and are not prepared to respond. (Section 410) Proposal: Require the Executive to present the annual budget message to the Council before releasing it to the media.	Needs consideration	Group budget issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	410
Budget	Kathy Lambert	Issue: Executive is able to pressure Council action on contract requests by automatically escalating the cost in the case of a delay on taking action, instead of basing the amount of a contract on actual costs. For instance, the amount of one contract increased by \$150,000 for every month the Council delayed action. (Section 460) Proposal: Require contracts to be based on actual costs, and disallow escalator penalties. Require the Executive to inform the Council in writing of any proposed capital expenditure over \$200,000 at least three business days in advance, and to make a presentation to the Council for any proposed capital expenditure over \$1 million.	Needs consideration	Group budget issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	460
Budget	Kathy Lambert	Issue: Inflation estimates are not consistent among different parts of the budget. (Section 430) Proposal: Require the budget to use consistent inflation factors and show all assumptions.	Needs consideration	Group budget issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	430
Budget	Kathy Lambert	Issue: Leases of up to one year are allowed without a capital budget appropriation, which is too long for the expense to continue without oversight. (Section 495) Proposal: Reduce the maximum lease to three to six months, with the option of continuing the lease through a quarterly update of the capital budget.	Needs consideration	Group budget issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	495

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Budget	Kathy Lambert	Issue: Only the Executive can originate budget legislation. (Section 410) Proposal: Establish budget procedures similar to the state, giving authority to both the legislative and executive branches to initiate budget items, or modifying the reporting structure so that both the Executive and Legislative branches have access to data in the Office of Financial Management.	Needs consideration	Group budget issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	410
Budget	Kathy Lambert	Issue: Only the Executive can propose amendments or additions to the Capital Improvement Program, which prevents the Council from considering its own capital priorities. (Section 470.30) Proposal: Remove this provision and allow either the Executive or the Council to propose amendments and additions to the Capital Improvement Program.	Needs consideration	Group budget issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	470.3
Budget	Kathy Lambert	Issue: Quarterly budget updates that allow regular corrections are not transmitted by the Executive to the Council in a timely manner, or not at all, because they are not required in the Charter. (Section 470) Proposal: Require quarterly budget updates to be submitted within 20 days of the end of each quarter, and provide an enforcement mechanism.	Needs consideration	Group budget issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	470
Budget	Kathy Lambert	Issue: The Charter requires county agencies to submit information to the Executive needed for preparation of the budget, but does not provide for any agency information to be presented to the Council to use in determining the validity of the Executive's proposals. (Section 420) Proposal: Require agencies to answer Councilmember questions regarding budget items in a timely manner, and any direction otherwise will be considered malfeasance. Agency proposals to the Executive should be presented to Council budget staff within 10 days of receipt, and Council budget staff should have read-only access to all budget documents for analysis and evaluation.	Needs consideration	Group budget issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	420
Budget	Kathy Lambert	Issue: The Council is required to adopt the annual budget at least 30 days before the end of the fiscal year, which does not leave enough time for the Council to consider other options if the Executive should veto all or part of the budget. (Section 410) Proposal: Change 30 days to 40 days.	Needs consideration	Group budget issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	410
Budget	Kathy Lambert	Issue: The current budget transmittal timeline of 75 days before the end of the fiscal year does not give the Council enough time to review the budget before approval with a cushion to address any veto. (Section 410) Proposal: Increase number of days for the Executive to present the budget before Council approval. Also, budget requests from all agencies should go to the Council at the same time as they go to the Executive to provide enough time and data for the Council to review agency needs.	Needs consideration	Group budget issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	410

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Budget	Kathy Lambert	Issue: The Executive can withhold appropriations that have been approved by the Council. (Section 475) Proposal: Require the withholding of any appropriations or changes over a specific threshold (such as 10 or 20 percent) to be approved by the Council. Not complying with the expenditures authorized by the Council should be grounds for malfeasance.	Needs consideration	Group budget issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	475
Budget	Kathy Lambert	Issue: The Executive is charged with preparing and presenting to the Council all capital improvement plans, but is not required to use information from other branches of government to develop those plans. (Section 320.20) Proposal: Require the Executive to prepare capital improvement plans in consultation with King County's other elected officials and the councilmembers representing the districts involved.	Needs consideration	Group budget issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	320.5
Budget	Kathy Lambert	Issue: The Executive is required to present an annual statement of the financial and governmental affairs of the county, but that is not frequent enough to respond to any problems or challenges in a timely manner. (Section 320.20) Proposal: Change the statement requirement to quarterly or semi-annually.	Needs consideration	Group budget issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	320.2
Budget	Kathy Lambert	Issue: The Executive is required to provide copies of the budget for the public upon request, and it also has been posted on the county website on a voluntary basis. (Section 450) Proposal: Require the Executive's budget message to be made available electronically to the public, in a format that allows citizens to do cross checks and analysis of data.	Needs consideration	Group budget issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	450
Budget	Kathy Lambert	Issue: The Executive proposed budget does not list the council districts in which capital projects are located. (Section 430) Proposal: List the districts affected by each capital project so the public knows where the project is located.	Needs consideration	Group budget issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	430
Budget	King County Council	Recommends that the Executive submit the budget to the Council 100 days prior to the end of the fiscal year, instead of 45 days as is currently specified in the Charter.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	12/17/2007	Letter	King County Council 3	410
Budget	King County Council	The County Council's Financial Policies Advisory Task Force recommends that the Charter Review Commission consider eliminating the allotment requirements contained in Section 475 of the Charter. The Task Force, Council staff, and the Executive's Office of Management and Budget have found these quarterly estimates of agency spending to provide little value.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	10/17/2007	Commission Meeting	Charter Review Commission	475
Budget	King County Council	The County Council's Financial Policies Advisory Task Force recommends that the Charter Review Commission review the current budget adoption timeline as contained in Section 410. The Council currently has only 45 days to assess and adjust the budget as submitted by the Executive. If the County fully shifts to biennial budgeting, this timeframe will be insufficient to perform due diligence on the budget.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	10/28/2007	Letter	King County Council	410

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Budget	Robert Harper	The budgeting process is partisan. In a corporation, you ask for funding for high priority items and allocate dollars on a priority basis	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	6/14/2007	Hearing-Bellevue	Harper, Robert	Article 4
Budget	Robert Parker	Prioritize expense items and fund them in priority order.	Needs consideration	Group with budget issues; hold for later	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	6/14/2007	Hearing-Bellevue	Parker, Robert	Article 4
Budget	Suburban Cities Association (via Karen Goroski)	Separate the county regional budget, which includes funding for services for all residents of King County including its urban residents, from the local service budget. Currently, there is confusion and frustration generated by the complex revenue and expenditure stream. Adding language that separates the regional from local budgets would empower citizens to understand the county government and assure that past conflicts with local municipal governments would be reduced. This would help create the information systems needed to facilitate urban transitions.	Committee considering		Unsure-needs follow-up	Rural/Local Issues	9/20/2007	Mail	Suburban Cities Association	
Campaign Finance Reform	34th District Democrats (via Ivan Weiss)	Campaign finance reform is needed.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Yes	N/A	6/20/2007	Hearing-West Seattle	34th District Democrats	Article 6
Campaign Finance Reform	Bob Loeliger	Campaign Finance Reform is the best way to represent people with a minimum amount of expenditures. It minimizes outside and special interests' influence on elections. He's in favor of public funding	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue; state law controls	Yes	N/A	6/28/2007	Hearing-Kent	Loeliger, Bob	Article 6
Campaign Finance Reform	Brian Derdowski	Campaign finance reform is necessary.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue; state law controls	Yes	N/A	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Derdowski, Brian	Article 6
Campaign Finance Reform	Chris Eggen	Campaign finance reform is needed. Campaign costs are climbing, and soon, the average person will not be able to run for office.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue; state law controls	Yes	N/A	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Eggen, Chris	Article 6
Campaign Finance Reform	Donn Charnley	Publicly fund campaigns.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue; state law controls	Yes	N/A	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Charnley, Donn	Article 6
Campaign Finance Reform	Larry Clements	It is better to restrict the funds because it prohibits reasonable minds from entering the elections process	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue; state law controls	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	6/28/2007	Hearing-Kent	Clements, Larry	Article 6
Campaign Finance Reform	League of Women Voters (via Christel Brunnenkant)	Publicly fund campaigns. This would help combat corruption and undue influence, enabling candidates to compete more equitably for public office and allow maximum citizen participation in the political process, and to ensure that elected officials are not beholden to their donors.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue; state law controls	Yes	N/A	4/24/2007	Commission Meeting	League of Women Voters	Article 6
Campaign Finance Reform	Lindsey Nussbaum	Publicly fund campaigns.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue; state law controls	Yes	N/A	6/20/2007	Hearing-West Seattle	Nussbaum, Lindsey 2	Article 6
Campaign Finance Reform	Miriam Helgeland	Publicly fund campaigns.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue; state law controls	Yes	N/A	6/28/2007	Hearing-Kent	Helgeland, Miriam	Article 6
Charter Review Process	Brian Derdowski	The commission's recommendations could be put before the voters directly if a supermajority vote was required.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Derdowski, Brian	Article 8
Charter Review Process	Brian Derdowski	The Council should vote on every recommendation the commission puts before them.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Derdowski, Brian	800

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Charter Review Process	Brian Derdowski	The kickoff of each commission could begin with a proposed amendment from the Executive and an official council hearing, to get people interested.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Derdowski, Brian	Article 8
Charter Review Process	City of Burien, City Council (via Mike Martin)	Give citizens the right to amend the charter through the citizen initiative process.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	7/27/2007	Mail	City of Burien, City Council	Article 8
Charter Review Process	City of Burien, City Council (via Mike Martin)	The recommendations of the commission should be submitted to the voters as drafted by the commission.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	7/27/2007	Mail	City of Burien, City Council	Article 8
Charter Review Process	David Olson	If two sucessive chater review commissions have the same recommendation, send that recommendation directly to the voters	Committee considering		Unsure-needs follow-up	Governmental Structure	11/14/2007	Web form	Olson, David	
Charter Review Process	Elaine Phelps	The signature threshold to amend the charter should be as high as the threshold to amend the state constitution.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Phelps, Elaine	Article 8
Charter Review Process	Goodspaceguy Nelson	Charter Review Commission members should be elected.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/28/2007	Hearing-Kent	Nelson, Goodspaceguy	800
Charter Review Process	Kathy Lambert	Issue: Councilmembers can nominate a representative on the Commission, but the Executive is free to appoint someone else to represent the Councilmember's district. (Section 800) Proposal: Clarify appointment authority for members of the Charter Review Commission to include both Executive and Council appointees. Each councilmember should designate two representatives, who may or may not live in their council district. In addition, each caucus should appoint two members, and the Executive appoints two members. In the event more commissioners are desired, each Council caucus should nominate two or more members, and the Executive could appoint an equal number from each caucus.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	800
Charter Review Process	King County Council	Opposed to the recommendations of the CRC going directly to the ballot: the existing charter amendment process serves citizens well, retains the existing balance of power between the executive and legislative branches, respects the Council's role as elected representatives of our citizens, and does not need to be fundamentally altered. (note: letter signed by all Councilmembers except Von Reichbauer and Ferguson)	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	12/17/2007	Mail	King County Council	Section 800
Charter Review Process	King County Democrats (via Susan Sheary)	The Charter should not be amended by initiative; the Charter should be difficult to amend.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	7/3/2007	Mail	King County Democrats	Article 8
Charter Review Process	King County, Executive (via Ron Sims)	All charter amendments proposed by the Charter Review Commission should go directly to the ballot.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	7/28/2007	Email	King County Office of the Executive	Article 8
Charter Review Process	King County, Executive (via Ron Sims)	Create an initiative process to amend the charter, using a signature threshold requirement of 20% the voters in the last King County Executive election.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	7/24/2007	Email	King County Office of the Executive	Article 8

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Charter Review Process	Larry Phillips	Opposes the State Supreme Court's decision to allow the charter to be amended by Initiative	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/12/2007	Hearing-Seattle Public Library	Phillips, Larry	Article 8
Charter Review Process	Larry Phillips	Referendum section of our charter and signature requirements need to be rewritten by this commission	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/12/2007	Hearing-Seattle Public Library	Phillips, Larry	230.4
Charter Review Process	League of Women Voters (via Christel Brunnenkant)	Charter Review Commission recommendations to the County Council should be placed automatically on the next general election ballot.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	4/24/2007	Commission Meeting	League of Women Voters	Article 8
Charter Review Process	Linde Knighton	The Charter Review committee should include someone from another party than Republican or Democratic. It would be refreshing to finally have a non-partisan point of view.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	4/9/2007	Web form	Knighton, Linde	800
Charter Review Process	Miriam Helgeland	Would like to see CRC amendments go straight to the ballot.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	6/28/2007	Hearing-Kent	Helgeland, Miriam	Article 8
Charter Review Process	Municipal League of King County (via Lucy Steers)	Amending Charter by citizen initiative process: The Supreme Court's ruling allowing charter change by initiative needs follow up by county to clarify implementation.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	4/24/2007	Commission Meeting	Municipal League of King County	Article 8
Charter Review Process	Richard Tait	Avoid attempts to remove initiative process from King County's Council's decision-making	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/14/2007	Hearing-Bellevue	Tait, Richard	230.5
Charter Review Process	Sandra Cohen	The Charter should be amended by initiative; the Charter should be difficult to amend.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Cohen, Sandra	Article 8
Charter Review Process	Sonny Putter (Suburban Cities Association)	Amending Charter by citizen initiative process: The Supreme Court's ruling allowing charter change by initiative needs follow up by county to clarify implementation.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	5/29/2007	Hearing - Shoreline	Putter, Sonny	Article 8
Charter Review Process	Suburban Cities Association (via Karen Goroski)	Charter review process should be amended so that the recommendations of the commission must be submitted to the voters as drafted by the commission. This new provision will strengthen the role of the charter review commission. It will guarantee that the work of the commission will be reviewed by the voters.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	9/20/2007	Mail	Suburban Cities Association	
Charter Review Process	Suburban Cities Association (via Karen Goroski)	Citizens should be permitted to amend the charter through the citizen initiative process by means of a super majority vote. This option creates a more responsive government which allows the public to submit charter amendments to the voters through the initiative process.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Regional Governance	9/20/2007	Mail	Suburban Cities Association 2	
Constituent services	North Highline Unincorporated Area Council (via Heidi Johnson)	Relationships between County officials and constituents need to be stronger.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	5/29/2007	Email	North Highline Unincorporated Area Council	New

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Constituent services	North Highline Unincorporated Area Council (via Heidi Johnson)	The County should allocate funding for outreach regarding Community meetings pertaining to Code Enforcement, Recycling, Global Warming, Environment, and etc. This is an important factor in educating communities. When I questioned the County about outreach funding, that they there isn't any in the budget.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Regional Governance	5/29/2007	Email	North Highline Unincorporated Area Council	New
Constituent services	Vashon-Maury Island Unincorporated Area Council (via Jim English)	Establish a Charter requirement that clearly delineates and defines what a citizen complaint can and cannot do. Purpose is to rebalance what has over time become a topsy-turvy system of county justice; a system that promotes and encourages the power of a single-voice complainer (with little or no consequence to that person) by essentially ascribing guilt to the person or agency to whom the complaint is directed.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	5/22/2007	Mail	Vashon-Maury Island Unincorporated Area Council	260
Constituent services	Vashon-Maury Island Unincorporated Area Council (via Jim English)	Establish a Charter requirement that directs each county agency to communicate, cooperate and to fully integrate any and all overlapping regulatory, policy, procedural or like requirements with their County agency counterparts; particularly those with directed regulatory-enforcement authority.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	5/29/2007	Commission Meeting	Vashon-Maury Island Unincorporated Area Council	Article 3 (350)
Consultants	Mark Early (WA Public Campaigns)	The number of consultants working on large capital projects should be reduced, as consultants are extremely expensive.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Early, Mark	New
Contracting	Suburban Cities Association (via Karen Goroski)	SCA supports the Charter's reference for desireability for intergovernmental contracting and supports language that would bar the county from entering into labor agreements that restrict the opportunity to create effective local governmental services.	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	9/20/2007	Mail	Suburban Cities Association	
Council	Brian Derdowski	Executive sessions of the Council should be taped and a copy given to the PAO to ensure that conversations that belong in a public meeting are not occurring within the sessions.	Not under consideration	Internal Council affair	Yes	N/A	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Derdowski, Brian	Article 2 (220)
Council	Brian Derdowski	The Council overuses the emergency ordinance provision of the charter to pass legislation. The language of the provision is too broad.	Not under consideration	Internal Council affair	Yes	N/A	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Derdowski, Brian	230.3
Council	Brian Derdowski	The Council should not hold obligatory meetings without a quorum, as they often do. This requirement should be put into the Charter.	Not under consideration	Only committees meet without a quorum, never the Council	Yes	N/A	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Derdowski, Brian	Article 2 (220)
Council	David Plummer	Citizens should be permitted to address either the Council or the various Council committees at their public meetings.	Not under consideration	Already many public input opportunities	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	11/29/2006; 3/2/2007	Web form	Plummer, David	220
Council	Kathy Lambert	Issue: Boundary lines of elected officials can be changed during redistricting to exclude an elected official for political reasons. (Section 650.30.30) Proposal: Prohibit boundaries from being redrawn to exclude an elected official from the district they represent or allow them to continue to qualify to be elected if more than 50 percent of their previous district remains. This will help depoliticize the redistricting process.	Not under consideration	No change recommended	Yes	N/A	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	650.3

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Council	Kathy Lambert	Issue: New Council organization confuses line of succession. (Section 680.10) Proposal: Establish line of succession from chair and vice chair according to seniority by number of years as elected official.	Not under consideration	Internal Council affair	Yes	N/A	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	680.1
Council	Kathy Lambert	Issue: The Charter does not provide for filling any vacancy on the Council temporarily if a Councilmember has been convicted and incarcerated before all appeals have been exhausted. (Section 680) Proposal: Allow the Council to appoint a temporary replacement to fill in once the Councilmember has been convicted until the appeals are exhausted and the case is settled. The appeals can take years, and citizens should not have to be represented by a convicted felon.	Not under consideration	Internal Council affair	Yes	N/A	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	680
Council	Kathy Lambert	Issue: The Council is given the authority to fill vacancies of the Executive, Assessor or Sheriff's office if they have failed to designate a deputy, but can be superseded by a subsequent designation. (Section 680.10) Proposal: Evaluate the best procedures for this provision.	Not under consideration	Current charter provides for this protection (680.10)	Yes	N/A	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	680.1
Council	Richard King	The Council should follow quorum rules in holding their meetings.	Not under consideration	Only committees meet without a quorum	Yes	N/A	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	King, Richard	220
Council- Elections	Antony Kyre	A nine member council isn't big enough for our county population. The county council should put it before to voters to increase the council size to 13.	Not under consideration	Voters just considered this issue	Yes	N/A	8/7/2007	Email	Kyre, Antony	220.1 650.10
Council- Elections	Antony Kyre	Increase the county council to 13 members by a vote. However, guarantee that the Eastside gets 3 members to themselves, but each of those 3 members will have a weighted vote based on population (so we don't violate the one person, one vote rule).	Not under consideration	Voters just considered this issue	Legal caution	N/A	8/7/2007	Email	Kyre, Antony	220.1 650.10
Council- Elections	City of Burien, City Council (via Mike Martin)	Change the Metropolitan King County Council positions from partisan to non-partisan.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	7/27/2007	Mail	City of Burien, City Council	220
Council- Elections	Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council (via Rick Spence)	Establish a Charter requirement for dividing the King County Council into two houses, one based on current population apportioning and the other based on land apportioning. The county can be divided into five equal sized land areas for the purposes of representation: one urban, one forest and high elevation, and three between the other two.	Committee considering		Legal difficulties	Rural/Local Issues	5/29/2007	Commission Meeting	Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council	

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Council- Elections	Goodspaceguy Nelson	Council positions should be elected at-large.	Not under consideration	No change recommended. If considered, should go to Governmental Structure	Yes	N/A	6/20/2007	Hearing- West Seattle; Hearing- Kent	Nelson, Goodspaceguy 3	220.1
Council- Elections	Goodspaceguy Nelson	In favor of increasing the Council from 9 to 13 members.	Not under consideration	Voters just considered this issue	Yes	N/A	6/21/2007	Hearing- Preston	Nelson, Goodspaceguy 2	220.10; 650.10
Council- Elections	Janet Anderson (Citizens for Proportional Representation)	Council positions should be elected at-large.	Not under consideration	No change recommended. If considered, should go to Governmental Structure committee	Yes	N/A	6/20/2007	Hearing- West Seattle	Anderson, Janet	220.1
Council- Elections	Jean Durbin	In favor of increasing the Council from 9 to 13 members. It's harder to get a distinct local connection now.	Not under consideration	Voters just considered this issue	Yes	N/A	6/20/2007	Hearing- West Seattle	Durbin, Jean	220.10, 650.10
Council- Elections	Ken Konigsmark	Increase council to 13 members but half of the districts could be required by the charter to include rural areas. Most districts should include both urban and rural areas.	Not under consideration	Voters just considered this issue	Yes	N/A	6/21/2007	Hearing- Preston	Konigsmark, Ken	220.10; 650.10; 650.30
Council- Elections	Toby Nixon	Expand the size of the council and have smaller districts.	Not under consideration	Voters just considered this issue	Yes	N/A	6/21/2007	Hearing- Preston	Nixon, Toby	220.10; 650
Council- Elections	Warren Iverson	To achieve better rural representation, reapportion the districts with 3 districts dividing the county north to south, 1 across the center from east to west, and 3 at-large.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Rural/Local Issues	7/10/2007	Hearing- Black Diamond	Iverson, Warren	220.10; 650
Council- Partisanship	34th District Democrats (via Ivan Weiss)	The Council should remain partisan.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/20/2007	Hearing- West Seattle	34th District Democrats	220; 650
Council- Partisanship	Brian Derdowski	The Council should remain partisan. Party affiliation provides transparency to the public.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing- Shoreline	Derdowski, Brian	220; 650
Council- Partisanship	Donn Charnley	The Council should remain partisan; it is for the people to know who's who at the top levels of government.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing- Shoreline	Charnley, Donn	220; 650
Council- Partisanship	El Centro de la Raza (via Roberto Maestas)	The Council should remain partisan.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	4/24/2007	Mail	El Centro de la Raza	220; 650
Council- Partisanship	Goodspaceguy Nelson	Favors nonpartisan County elections.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/21/2007	Hearing- Preston	Nelson, Goodspaceguy 2	220; 650
Council- Partisanship	Larry Clements	The Council should remain partisan.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/28/2007	Hearing- Kent	Clements, Larry	220; 650
Council- Partisanship	League of Women Voters (via Christel Brunnenkant)	Voters should be given the opportunity to decide whether King County elections should be partisan or non-partisan.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	4/24/2007	Commission Meeting	League of Women Voters	220; 650
Council- Partisanship	Linda Kochmar	Favors a nonpartisan council. Partisanship should not matter in local government; it is not ideological. Partisanship makes the elected official's job even more difficult.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	7/9/2007	Hearing- Federal Way	Kochmar, Linda	220; 650

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Council-Partisanship	Mark Early (WA Public Campaigns)	The Council should remain partisan.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Early, Mark	220; 650
Council-Partisanship	Municipal League of King County (via Lucy Steers)	The issue of the Council's partisanship should be placed on the ballot for the voters to decide.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	4/24/2007	Commission Meeting	Municipal League of King County	220; 650
Council-Partisanship	Robert Ransom (City of Shoreline)	The Council should remain partisan.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Ransom, Robert	220; 650
Council-Partisanship	Suburban Cities Association (via Karen Goroski)	The Metropolitan King County Council positions should be changed from partisan to non-partisan.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	9/20/2007	Mail	Suburban Cities Association 2	
Council- Regional Committees	City of Burien, City Council (via Mike Martin)	Maintain the regional committees of the Metropolitan King County Council, with modifications including eliminating dual referrals, chair selection, and budget authority over enterprise funds (see source document).	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	7/27/2007	Mail	City of Burien, City Council	270
Council- Regional Committees	Kathy Lambert	Issue: The composition of Regional Committees is too specific about what cities are including, and does not include unincorporated areas. (Section 270.30) Proposal: Make membership on the Regional Committees more proportional to the various parts of the county and more broadly defined, such as urban, rural, and cities of certain sizes, to provide more diverse representation.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	270.3
Council- Regional Committees	Larry Phillips	Reduce the number of City members on regional committees. In some instances, committee members from cities have been given half the vote.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	6/12/2007	Hearing-Seattle Public Library	Phillips, Larry	270.2
Council- Regional Committees	Larry Phillips	Size and number of regional committees is a strain on the remaining 9 councilmembers. Commission can look at ways to better structure regional committees to allow councilmembers to better represent their district.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	6/12/2007	Hearing-Seattle Public Library	Phillips, Larry	270 (270.20)
County power	City of Auburn, Office of the Mayor (via Peter B. Lewis)	As the size of government in King County decreases so should its functions: the functions of King County Government must be simplified as the territory decreases.	Not under consideration	No change recommended. If considered, should go to Rural/Local committee	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	5/2/2007	Mail	City of Auburn, Office of the Mayor	Various
County power	King County Democrats (via Susan Sheary)	Section 130: The powers of the county granted by this charter shall be liberally construed, and the specific statement of particular powers shall not be construed as limiting the general powers" - This sentence seems to be in direct conflict with the underlying philosophy of our democracy in that our democracy conveys only limited powers to the government and retains all other powers in the people. There is nothing that is more counter to the core values of our democracy than the government taking power into itself. We believe this sentence shall be stricken from the Charter.	Not under consideration	Philosophical issue	Yes	N/A	7/3/2007	Email	King County Democrats	130

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County power	King County Democrats (via Susan Sheary)	Section 220.20: "The specific statement of particular legislative powers shall not be construed as limiting the legislative power of the county council" - This seems to convey more power than our forefathers would have intended. Indeed, the very purpose of the Federal and State Constitutions, and we believe the King County Charter, is to expressly convey only limited powers to the governmental body. Therefore, this sentence should also be stricken from the Charter.	Not under consideration	Philosophical issue	Yes	N/A	7/4/2007	Email	King County Democrats	220.2
County power	Suburban Cities Association (via Karen Goroski)	As the size of King County service areas decrease services should be adjusted accordingly.	Not under consideration	If considered, should go to Rural/Local committee	Unsure-needs follow-up	N/A	9/20/2007	Mail	Suburban Cities Association	
DDES	David Field	DDES fee revenues should be taken out of general budget. No incentive to provide a permit quickly. Development should have a flat and sensible fee structure.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Field, David	New
DDES	Kathy Myers	DDES is a model of inefficiency.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Myers, Kathy	New
DDES	Steve Hammond	DDES has overly burdensome rules, and does not even consistently follow its own rules. Code enforcement officers are not necessarily well informed or acting in good faith.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Hammond, Steve	New
Economic Development	Jerome Adam	Housing development, youth and family services, healthcare access, training programs and work supports are some of the vital human services which provide the strong foundation needed for residents to find and retain jobs, jobs that lead to self-sufficiency and a stronger economy for all.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	6/14/2007	Web form	Adam, Jerome	New
Economic Development	Workforce Development Council of Seattle (via Kris Stadelman)	Economic development of suburban and outlying areas should be an ongoing commitment. Retain and develop local businesses.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	5/30/2007	Email	Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County	New
Elections	Cheryl Lupkes	All those who register to vote within King County must provide proof of citizenship.	Not under consideration	Constrained by federal law	Legal caution	N/A	6/25/2007	Email	Lupkes, Cheryl	Article 6
Elections	Elaine Phelps	King Conservation District votes should be included on the regular ballot. It is often prohibitively expensive for a local organization such as the King Conservation District to put an item on the ballot.	Not under consideration	Constrained by state law	Legal caution	N/A	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Phelps, Elaine	Article 6
Elections	Kathy Lambert	Issue: Candidates for public office are required to file itemized statements (C-3 and C-4 forms) with the King County Elections Office, which is a duplication of the documents required by the state Public Disclosure Commission. (Section 420) Proposal: Delete this provision as long as the forms are filed with the state PDC.	Not under consideration	Council can set this policy	Yes	N/A	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	420

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Elections	Kathy Lambert	Issue: Discrepancy in the percentage of signatures required for initiative (10 percent) and referendum (8 percent). (Section 230.50) Proposal: Standardize signature requirement to 8 percent so that citizens can more easily make their voices heard.	Not under consideration	Reasonable to have different levels of signature requirements	Yes	N/A	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	230.5
Elections	Kathy Lambert	Issue: The referendum exemption clause is overly broad. (Section 230.40) Proposal: Limit the scope of exemptions from referendum authority.	Not under consideration	Exemptions are appropriate	Yes	N/A	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	230.4
Elections	Kathy Lambert	Issue: When public employees run for public office, they do not have to disclose their employment status. (Section 690) Proposal: Add requirement to election laws to include employment information about any candidate to inform the public about any potential conflict of interest.	Not under consideration	Political campaigning reveals employment status	Yes	N/A	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	690
Elections	King County, Department of Development and Environmental Services (via Stephanie Warden)	Amend section 230.40 referring to Referendums. DDES would like to clarify that ordinances required to comply with State law are not proper subject for referendum. This is consistent with the recent decision by the Washington State Supreme Court that a proposed referendum to repeal the critical areas ordinance was not the proper subject of referendum.	Not under consideration	Constrained by state law	Yes	N/A	7/19/2007	Email	King County Department of Development and Environmental Services	230.4
Elections	League of Women Voters (via Christel Brunnenkant)	The League supports a shortened ballot: Positions that require representation should be elected such as the County Council, school boards, and city councils.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	4/24/2007	Commission Meeting	League of Women Voters	Article 6; 220
Elections	Mark Early (WA Public Campaigns)	Digital signatures should be used to sign online voter registrations, implemented with secure server technology	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Legal caution	N/A	4/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Early, Mark	Article 6
Elections	Melvin Mackey	King County should set up a citizen's council (as was done recently in British Columbia) to learn about alternative election systems and to make recommendations for possible changes. The citizens of King County would then be given the opportunity to learn about any proposal and to vote on adopting recommended changes to our election method.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	6/19/2007	Email	Mackey, Melvin	Article 6
Elections	Suburban Cities Association (via Karen Goroski)	Individuals elected to the governing bodies of county-wide special purpose districts should stand for primary or general election instead of elections with limited access to polling places.	Committee considering		Unsure-needs follow-up	Rural/Local Issues	9/20/2007	Mail	Suburban Cities Association 2	
Elections	Tim Borders	King County needs to implement larger precinct sizes--that is, have more registered voters per precinct.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Yes	N/A	6/2/2007	Web form	Borders, Tim	650.3
Elections	Elaine Phelps	Fund local elections. It is often prohibitively expensive to run a local KCCD election.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Phelps, Elaine	Article 6
Elections Director	34th District Democrats (via Ivan Weiss)	The Director of Elections should be an appointed position.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/20/2007	Hearing-West Seattle	34th District Democrats	Article 3
Elections Director	Antony Kyre	The Director of Elections should be a non-partisan elected position.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	8/7/2007	Email	Kyre, Antony	Article 3
Elections Director	Brian Derdowski	The Director of Elections should be elected.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Derdowski, Brian	Article 3
Elections Director	El Centro de la Raza (via Roberto Maestas)	The Director of Elections should be an appointed position.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	4/24/2007	Mail	El Centro de la Raza	Article 3

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Elections Director	Jerome Adam	The Director of Elections should be elected.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/14/2007	Web form	Adam, Jerome	Article 3
Elections Director	Juli Pettingill	The Director of Elections should be elected.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Pettingill, Juli	Article 3
Elections Director	Julianne Kempf	The Director of Elections should be elected.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Kempf, Julianne	Article 3
Elections Director	King County Democrats (via Susan Sheary)	The Director of Elections should be an appointed position.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	7/3/2007	Mail	King County Democrats	Article 3
Elections Director	King County, Executive (via Ron Sims)	The Director of Elections should be an appointed position.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	7/26/2007	Email	King County Office of the Executive	Article 3
Elections Director	Larry Clements	The Director of Elections should be elected.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/28/2007	Hearing-Kent	Clements, Larry	Article 3
Elections Director	League of Women Voters (via Christel Brunnenkant)	The Director of Elections should be an appointed position.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	4/24/2007	Commission Meeting	League of Women Voters	Article 3
Elections Director	Lori Sotelo	The Director of Elections should be elected.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/14/2007	Hearing-Bellevue	Sotelo, Lori	Article 3
Elections Director	Miriam Helgeland	The Elections Director should be an appointed position.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/28/2007	Hearing-Kent	Helgeland, Miriam	Article 3
Elections Director	Richard Tait	The Director of Elections should be elected.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/14/2007	Hearing-Bellevue	Tait, Richard	Article 3
Elections Director	Robert Harper	Department of Elections should be non-partisan, either elected by the people or appointed by a non-partisan commission in some way	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/14/2007	Hearing-Bellevue	Harper, Robert	Article 3
Elections Director	Robert Parker	There is too little trust in the elections system. Make the Director of Elections be nonpartisan, either through an election or appointed by a nonpartisan commission.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/14/2007	Hearing-Bellevue	Parker, Robert	Article 3
Elections Director	Robert Ransom (City of Shoreline)	The Director of Elections should be elected.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Ransom, Robert	Article 3
Elections Director	Toby Nixon	Create a separate department of elections, headed by a non-partisan, elected director.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/21/2007	Hearing-Preston	Nixon, Toby	Article 3
Elections Director	Virginia Gunby	The Elections Director should be an appointed position. If the Director becomes an elected position, qualifications for the position should be written into the King County Code.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	8/24/2007	Email	Gunby, Virginia	Article 3
Executive	Brian Derdowski	The Executive issues too many provisos to the budget.	Not under consideration	The council writes provisos to the budget	Yes	N/A	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Derdowski, Brian	Article 4
Executive	Doug Schulze	Executive council should be appointed by the County Council and report to the County Council: Separation of powers would improve by decreasing the legislative role of the Executive.	Not under consideration	No change recommended	Yes	N/A	5/19/2007	Web form	Schulze, Doug	Article 3?
Executive	Goodspaceguy Nelson	Compensation for Executive is too high. It should be changed from 1.5X a councilmember salary to 1.25X the salary.	Not under consideration	No change recommended	Yes	N/A	6/28/2007	Hearing-Kent	Nelson, Goodspaceguy	320.1

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Executive	Jerome Adam	County Executive should serve for no more than 2 terms. The county executive position has become an occupation rather than an elected office. One individual serving too long tends to lose sight of his/her real responsibilities to all the people and not just special interests.	Not under consideration	No change recommended	Yes	N/A	6/14/2007	Web form	Adam, Jerome	320.1
Executive	Jesus Y. Rodriguez	County Executive should serve for no more than 2 terms.	Not under consideration	No change recommended	Yes	N/A	7/3/2007	Email	Rodriguez, Jesus	320.1
Executive	Kathy Lambert	Issue: Balance of power focused on Executive side. (Article 3) Proposal: Establish direct reporting responsibility from county agencies to the Council. An alternate concept would be to consider moving from Council-Executive to Council-Manager form of government.	Not under consideration	No change recommended	Yes	N/A	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	Article 3
Executive	Kathy Lambert	Issue: Lack of access to information needed for policy discussions and legislation caused by the ban on the Council "interfering" with the administration. (220.50) Proposal: Redefine "interference" so that it will allow the Council increased input and the ability to participate in staffing and performance report decisions, and to allow access to information from Executive and Budget staff, including "read-only" access to all budget accounts and side programs. This also will allow Executive staff to be more responsive to Council requests.	Not under consideration	No change recommended	Yes	N/A	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	220.5
Executive	Phillips, Larry	Co-location of the Executive and Legislative branches of government is critical. I urge you to consider and debate a potential charter amendment requiring co-location of the Executive and Legislative branches.	Needs consideration		Unsure-needs follow-up		10/30/2007	Letter	Phillips, Larry 2	
Executive	Steven Kendall	Require term limits of three consecutive terms in the same office, with an eight year hiatus before the former incumbent can run again for their former office. All incumbents should be grandfathered.	Not under consideration	No change recommended	Yes	N/A	4/7/2007	Email	Kendall, Steven	320.1
Executive	Vanessa Allen (Fall City Community Association)	The executive branch should be required to consult with council members on issues that directly affect their districts. i.e. The Parks department should have been required to notify our KC representative that they were going forward with the transfer of our county park to the Snoqualmie Tribe.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	5/30/2007	Email	Allen, Vanessa	Article 3
FEMA	Sherry Ransom	Because of FEMA's new rules on flooding, families devastated from flooding are not allowed to rebuild their homes. King County should find a way to help these people.	Not under consideration	Constrained by federal law	Legal difficulties	N/A	6/21/2007	Hearing-Preston	Ransom, Sherry	
Ferries	Vashon-Maury Island Unincorporated Area Council (via Jim English)	Establish a Charter requirement that directs King County to advocate for and on behalf of its ferry-served communities whether they are served in Washington State Ferries or any other ferry service.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	5/29/2007	Commission Meeting	Vashon-Maury Island Unincorporated Area Council	New
Fiscal responsibility	Jean Durbin	There are many expensive, wasteful county projects, such as Brightwater. The county needs to be more fiscally accountable.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	6/20/2007	Hearing-West Seattle	Durbin, Jean	Article 4

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Human services	DeCharlene Williams (Central Area Chamber of Commerce)	King County should serve all the people's needs, like poor and mentally ill people. The youth need help and a sense that they will be the next leaders. They need special training, which should not be reserved just for the rich.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	5/1/2007	Email	Williams, DeCharlene	New
Human services	King County Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services (via Don Moreland)	The county must not retreat from human services in general, and the needs of older and disabled adults in particular. Encourage the charter to recognize and affirm support for residents who are aging or living with disabilities through the County's human services, transportation, and mental health systems.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Unsure-needs follow-up	N/A	6/27/2007	Mail	King County Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services	
Human services	North Highline Unincorporated Area Council (via Heidi Johnson)	The County should speak up for urban unincorporated areas such as White Center and question the concentration of social services in specific neighborhoods, which become stigmatized. Work toward economic diversity in all of our neighborhoods	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	5/29/2007	Email	North Highline Unincorporated Area Council	New
Human services	Workforce Development Council of Seattle (via Kris Stadelman)	Strengthen human services to provide a strong foundation for residents to find and retain jobs, leading to self-sufficiency and a stronger economy for all.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	5/30/2007	Email	Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County	New
Immigration	Cheryl Lupkes	As a means of helping to prevent King County baby boomers and legal citizens and legal residents from being taxed out of their homes, now and in the future, include in the charter a provision which denies taxpayer supported social welfare benefits to illegal immigrants.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Legal caution	N/A	6/25/2007	Email	Lupkes, Cheryl	New
Immigration	Cheryl Lupkes	As a means of proving that the rule of law has meaning in King County, and that Homeland Security is a worthy endeavor, stress in the King County Charter that all levels of law enforcement within King County must cooperate with Federal Immigration Authorities in identifying those who are residing in King County illegally.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	6/25/2007	Email	Lupkes, Cheryl	New (920.20.20; 350.20.40)
Immigration	Craig Dameron (Communication Workers of America Local 7800)	The county has a responsibility to insure that all people within their jurisdiction feel safe and are able to participate in the county's public safety programs. And that the collaboration between the county police, country employees and county elected officials and ICE (immigration, customs and enforcement agency) on non criminal activities, works against this principal, causing immigrants to feel that their liberty and welfare are threatened. The County must support a policy of non-cooperation in regards to non criminal activities in relation to ICE and county police, county employees, and elected county officials.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Legal caution	N/A	7/16/2007	Email	Dameron, Craig	New
Immigration	Elena Perez	King County should be declared a Sanctuary County for all people living here. Until smart and common-sense immigration reform is accomplished, it is unjust to terrorize undocumented immigrants that have come to King County solely because there are employers here that are seeking them out as employees.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	7/3/2007	Email	Perez, Elena	

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Immigration	Jesus Y. Rodriguez	For those that believe that taxpayers have been supporting social welfare benefits for the undocumented, I will inform you that they do not get anything other than emergency services at best. As a taxpayer and citizen, I am appalled that the descendants of the most illegal of all immigrants (White Europeans) are the most racist and insensitive to those that are here now because this country has exploited their lands and continues to exploit their labor and would deny the most basic services to them.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	7/3/2007	Email	Rodriguez, Jesus	New (840,anti-discrimination)
Immigration	Marilyn Mitcham	I believe that the charter should include a statement regarding immigrant rights such as that the county will (1)promote basic human rights, including access to medical care for all residents, regardless of nationality or country of origin; (2) not participate in the persecution of any individual based on their immigration status, regardless of federal law; (3) protect all children regardless of their parents' or their own immigration status; (4) set up a department that will assist immigrants in wading through immigration law without fear of government reprisal.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	7/3/2007	Email	Mitcham, Marilyn	New (840,anti-discrimination)
Immigration	Puget Sound Alliance for Retired Americans (via Will Parry)	We need an orderly process for absorbing undocumented immigrant workers into legal status and ultimate citizenship.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	7/2/2007	Mail	Puget Sound Alliance for Retired Americans	
Instant Runoff Voting	34th District Democrats (via Ivan Weiss)	Instant Runoff voting should be defeated. It is meant to cut into the partisan primary which is required by law. He mentioned that there are significant problems with Pierce County.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	6/20/2007	Hearing-West Seattle	34th District Democrats	Article 6
Instant Runoff Voting	Bob Loeliger	IRV allows a person to rank his candidate preference. In favor of adopting IRV.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	6/28/2007	Hearing-Kent	Loeliger, Bob	Article 6
Instant Runoff Voting	Christopher Winebarger	Instant Runoff voting will yield more accurate results in elections. Would like to see IRV used in the presidential election, but obviously it needs to start locally first.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	9/10/2007	Web form	Winebarger, Christopher	Article 6
Instant Runoff Voting	F. John Jeannot	Implement Instant Runoff Voting as a more accurate way of identifying the will of the people. We need to move beyond the current two party system and IRV will facilitate this growth.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	2/19/2007	Web form	Jeannot, F John	Aricle 6
Instant Runoff Voting	Garth Atchison	Implement Instant Runoff Voting in King County. It negates the effect of partisanship.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	2/17/2007	Web form	Atchison, Garth	Article 6
Instant Runoff Voting	Goodspaceguy Nelson	Enact a system of preference/ranked/choice voting: voters should be able to vote for their first choice.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	6/20/2007; 6/21/2007	Hearing-West Seattle; Hearing-Preston	Nelson, Goodspaceguy 3	Article 6
Instant Runoff Voting	J. Rouleau	Implement Instant Runoff Voting in King County, following Pierce County's model.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	2/16/2007	Web form	Rouleau, J	Article 6
Instant Runoff Voting	James Burrows	Ranked choice voting eliminates the primary, which costs a million dollars. Everyone that wants to vote gets to rank their choices. Pierce County has implemented this system.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	7/9/2007	Hearing-Federal Way	Burrows, James	Article 6

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Instant Runoff Voting	Janet Anderson (Citizens for Proportional Representation)	King County should investigate a more fair election system, such as proportional voting.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Governmental Structure	6/20/2007	Hearing-West Seattle	Anderson, Janet	Article 6
Instant Runoff Voting	Kathryn Keller	IRV will save us money and also work really well for King County elections. Most folks are independent, party membership is not declared on our voter registration cards, so primaries are just plain painful. IRV also allows us to end up with elected officials who are at least "acceptable" to the vast majority.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	10/10/2007	Web form	Keller, Kathryn	Article 6
Instant Runoff Voting	Linde Knighton	Implement Instant Runoff Voting in King County, as Pierce County has done. It saves enormous amounts of money after the initial changeover, and cuts out mudslinging campaigns.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	4/9/2007	Web form	Knighton, Linde	Article 6
Instant Runoff Voting	Lindsey Nussbaum	Enact a system of preference/ranked/choice voting: voters should be able to vote for their first choice.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	6/20/2007	Hearing-West Seattle	Nussbaum, Lindsey 2	Article 6
Instant Runoff Voting	Margaret Loos	The primary is a useful nominating election. You can vote a different party every primary if you want.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	7/9/2007	Hearing-Federal Way	Loos, Margaret	Article 6
Instant Runoff Voting	Melvin Mackey	Our current method of electing representatives tend to over-represent majority viewpoints and under-represent minority viewpoints. Improved election methods also allow voters to vote for the candidates they like best without throwing away their votes	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Governmental Structure	6/19/2007	Email	Mackey, Melvin	Article 6
Instant Runoff Voting	Scott Lindsley (Libertarian Party of WA)	We should vote through Instant Runoff Voting in King County, as Pierce County has done. It saves enormous amounts of money after the initial changeover, and really cuts out mudslinging campaigns.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	4/9/2007	Web form, Email	Lindsley, Scott	Article 6
Instant Runoff Voting	Toby Nixon	Ranked choice/Instant Runoff voting would open up more diversity in the elections process an enable more voices to be heard	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	6/21/2007	Hearing-Preston	Nixon, Toby	Article 6
Instant Runoff Voting	Todd Boyle	Implement Instant Runoff Voting in King County.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	2/16/2007	Web form	Boyle, Todd	Article 6
Labor	Goodspaceguy Nelson	Create a category of helper employees to help with menial jobs	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Legal difficulties	N/A	6/21/2007; 6/20/2007	Hearing-Preston; Hearing-West Seattle	Nelson, Goodspaceguy 3	
Land use	Alan Dujenski	County should not have so much power over the use of rural property	Committee considering		Legal difficulties	Rural/Local Issues	6/21/2007	Hearing-Preston	Dujenski, Alan	
Land use	Anthony Hemstad (City of Maple Valley)	The county needs to agree to basic cooperation with the cities on changes to the urban growth boundary. Maple Valley should not be forced to urbanize, when there are areas closer to the urban core that are not developed.	Committee considering		Legal difficulties	Rural/Local Issues	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Hemstad, Anthony	
Land use	Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle (via Archbishop Alex J. Brunett)	The County should elevate church buildings to the same status as other essential public facilities such as schools, fire and police stations, water treatment plants, jails and roads.	Not under consideration	Constrained by state law (GMA)	Legal difficulties	N/A	5/29/2007	Mail	Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle	

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Land use	Council on American-Islamic Relations (via Janice Tufte)	Land use and growth management along with human services should change to benefit the very low income families and higher income.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Legal caution	N/A	5/1/2007	Feedback form	Council on American-Islamic Relations	New
Land use	Dick Bonewits	Preserve rural way of life; the GMA is being skewed toward development by the county.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Rural/Local Issues	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Bonewits, Dick	New
Land use	Elena Perez	It is important that King County citizens have a voice in what type of development takes place in their communities. The carte blanche that has been given to developers must stop. I strongly encourage King County to find ways to make the development process very transparent and accountable to the public. The county should require both Environmental Impact Statements and Economic Impact Statements to ensure that developments don't harm the environment and that they pay living wages during the construction and following (retail stores planned for developments should be held to high standards regarding wages and benefits).	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	7/3/2007	Email	Perez, Elena	
Land use	Kathy Myers	The county is urbanizing rural lands such as Maple Valley, that are still basically rural communities, without proper planning or adequate consultation with residents.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Rural/Local Issues	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Myers, Kathy	New
Land use	Kathy Myers	The Maple Valley 'donut hole' should not be developed at urban densities and without local consultation.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Rural/Local Issues	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Myers, Kathy	New
Land use	Ken Konigsmark	Council should not downzone properties without compensating landowners. Landowners should receive a compensation or a tax reduction for the loss of their development rights	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Legal caution	N/A	6/21/2007	Hearing-Preston	Konigsmark, Ken	New
Land use	Ken Konigsmark	Council should not give free upzones to private property owners. Private owners should buy density credits through existing transfer of development rights (TDR) program	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Legal caution	N/A	6/21/2007	Hearing-Preston	Konigsmark, Ken	New
Land use	Martha Parker	The county shall make no law or ordinance which allows it to own more than 10 percent of a combination of land in the county, and of the development rights to such land, i.e. more than 220.6 square miles, or 14,118.4 acres. If, upon the agreement to this provision, the county finds itself owning more than 10 percent, it must divest itself of enough ownership to be within the 10 percent specified above, within five years.	Not under consideration	No change recommended; would impact resource lands, parks, and open space	Unsure-needs follow-up	N/A	7/11/2007	Email	Parker, Martha	
Land use	Peter Lamana	King County's government's large real estate transactions should go to either a special or general vote of county residents. The county government owns too large a portion of the county's land.	Not under consideration	No change recommended; basic county governmental function	Yes	N/A	6/21/2007	Hearing-Preston	Lamana, Peter	New
Land use	Steve Hammond	Land use issues are handled much differently in urban and rural areas.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Rural/Local Issues	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Hammond, Steve	New

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Land use	Tom Carpenter (Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council)	There is divisiveness over land use issues that needs to be addressed. Consider a bicameral council (representation by land and by population) or other innovative solutions.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Rural/Local Issues	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Carpenter, Tom	New; 220
Land use	Warren Iverson	Address divisiveness over land use issues in innovative and courageous ways that go beyond politics.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Iverson, Warren	New
Library system	Ad Hoc Group of King County Library System Patrons (via Barbara Spindel and Gary Robinson)	Make King County Council the oversight authority for the KCLS Board of Trustees to provide stronger governance and help to ensure a fully engaged Board of Trustees. In addition, oversight would provide a needed additional measure of accountability.	Committee considering		Legal difficulties	Regional Governance	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Ad Hoc Group of King County Library System Patrons	
Library system	Cory Olson	KCLS needs more oversight for governing board of trustees. There is a lack of communication and leadership in the library system. The Executive has also been a problem, in siting the new Black Diamond library.	Committee considering		Legal difficulties	Regional Governance	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Olson, Cory	
Library system	Gary Robinson (Ad Hoc Group of King County Library System Patrons)	Improve governance and oversight and transparency by selecting the right members for the board; issued proposal for this selection.	Committee considering			Regional Governance	12/29/2007	Email to M. Yango	Robinson, Gary	
Library system	Gary Robinson (Ad Hoc Group of King County Library System Patrons)	KCLS needs more oversight for governing board of trustees -- County Council could be given oversight authority for the board of trustees	Committee considering		Legal difficulties	Regional Governance	6/21/2007	Hearing-Preston	Robinson, Gary	
Library system	Goodspaceguy Nelson	King County Library system hours should be extended	Committee considering		Legal difficulties	Regional Governance	6/28/2007	Hearing-Kent	Nelson, Goodspaceguy	
Library system	H. David Kaplan	KCLS needs more oversight for governing board of trustees. The council could be given oversight authority for the board of trustees.	Committee considering		Legal difficulties	Regional Governance	7/9/2007	Hearing-Federal Way	Kaplan, H David	
Library system	Kathy Lambert	Issue: King County Library System Board of Commissioners is experiencing conflict with its employees and the public regarding management and financial issues. The commissioners are appointed by the Executive and confirmed by the Council. (Not in current charter) Proposal: Incorporate KCLS into King County as a separate department, with the Board of Commissioners serving as a citizens' oversight board, and with budget oversight by the Council, similar to City of Seattle library structure. To accomplish this would require research on state requirements.	Committee considering		Legal difficulties	Regional Governance	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	
Library system	Margaret Amory	Provide oversight for the KC Library System. Saddened in the last couple of years to see the services provided at the local library deteriorate.	Committee considering		Legal difficulties	Regional Governance	6/16/2007	Web form	Amory, Margaret	

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Library system	Margaret Nelson	KCLS needs more oversight for governing board of trustees. The council could be given oversight authority for the board of trustees. The Seattle library system owes KCLS millions of dollars. Consider combining the Seattle and KCLS systems.	Committee considering		Legal difficulties	Regional Governance	7/9/2007	Hearing-Federal Way	Nelson, Margaret	
Library system	Marla Blaser	I believe that it is mandatory that KCLS, which is a multi million dollar public business based on property tax dollars, be immediately made directly responsible to an elected entity. I was part of a groups of KCLS patrons who tried to get the attention of our elected government officials at all levels. We were (and still are) concerned about the mismanagement of KCLS and their lack of response to library patrons.	Committee considering		Legal difficulties	Regional Governance	7/18/2007	Web form	Blaser, Marla	
Library system	Sara Denman	The KC Library should be more responsive to its patrons. The director and board should become elected officials.	Committee considering		Legal difficulties	Regional Governance	7/21/2007	Web form	Denman, Sara	
Library system	Viola Mullen	KCLS needs oversight for its board of trustees.	Committee considering		Legal difficulties	Regional Governance	7/16/2007	Phone	None - phone call	
Minorities	Sluggo Rigor (Filipino American Bulletin)	The King County Charter should spell out better representation of ethnic minorities in government, and provide more services in the minority communities.	Not under consideration	Addressed in the non-discrimination clause	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	5/11/2007	Mail	Rigor, Sluggo	New
Municipal	King County Democrats (via Susan Sheary)	Section 230.10.10: "Each metropolitan municipal function authorized to be performed by the county pursuant to RCW ch.35.58 shall be operated as a distinct functional unit. Revenues or property received for such functions shall never be used for any purposes other than the operating expenses thereof, interest on and redemption of the outstanding debt thereof, capital improvements, and the reduction of rates and charges for such functions. - We are not clear on the intent of this passage. Is it saying that each "Municipal Function" is considered to be self sufficient and a profit center in its own right? In each "Municipal Function" supposed to set its fees for service such that it generates sufficient revenue to pay for its activity on an annual basis? Assuming that to be the case, how do each of these services relate to the King County authority to assess the levy taxes on its residents? We need to know more about the intent of this paragraph.	Not under consideration	Constrained by state law; 'municipal functions' funded with restricted revenues, subject to audit to determine compliance	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	7/5/2007	Email	King County Democrats	230.10.10
Ombudsman	Brian Derdowski	The Ombudsman's office needs a dedicated budget to prevent interference with investigations by other departments.	Not under consideration	Ombudsman does have a separate budget, but is called the Office of Citizen Complaints	Yes	N/A	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Derdowski, Brian	260
Ombudsman	Municipal League of King County (via Lucy Steers)	The Ombudsman's office needs a dedicated budget to prevent interference with investigations by other departments.	Not under consideration	Ombudsman does have a separate budget, but is called the Office of Citizen Complaints	Yes	N/A	4/24/2007	Commission Meeting	Municipal League of King County	260

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Open space	Ken Konigsmark	The Parks Department should not be required to be a revenue-generating operation. The Charter should include protection of open space	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Yes	N/A	6/21/2007	Hearing-Preston	Konigsmark, Ken	920.20.60
Open space	King County, Executive (via Rod Brandon)	Protect over 100,000 acres of open space already acquired by King County, in perpetuity. The county would be barred from conveying, relinquishing, or converting these properties except in certain specified circumstances. The amendment would require the county to adopt and periodically update an inventory of high conservation value properties.	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	9/24/2007	Letter	King County Office of the Executive 2	
Paid Signature Gathering	Bob Loeliger	Prohibit paid signature gathering for campaigns.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	6/28/2007	Hearing-Kent	Loeliger, Bob	Article 6
Paid Signature Gathering	Claire Hanson	Prohibit paid signature gathering for campaigns. ACORN in particular pressures people to sign petitions.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	6/20/2007	Hearing-West Seattle	Hanson, Claire	Article 6
Paid Signature Gathering	Julianne Kempf	If signature gatherers are required to prove a local place of residence, those signature gatherers without a regular address will be cut off from a good source of employment.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Kempf, Julianne	Article 6
Paid Signature Gathering	Larry Clements	Prohibit paid signature gathering for campaigns. Signature gathering should be done voluntarily on their own time.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	6/28/2007	Hearing-Kent	Clements, Larry	Article 6
Paid Signature Gathering	Liz Giba	Prohibit paid signature gathering for campaigns.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	6/20/2007	Hearing-West Seattle	Giba, Liz	Article 6
Paid Signature Gathering	Mark Early (WA Public Campaigns)	Paid signature gathering should be prohibited. Alternatively, signature gatherers could be required to live in the electoral district they are collecting signatures for.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Early, Mark	Article 6
Paid Signature Gathering	Richard King	If signature gatherers are required to prove a local place of residence, those signature gatherers without a regular address will be cut off from a good source of employment.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	King, Richard	Article 6
Paid Signature Gathering	Richard Tait	Retain paid signature gathering. With the number of people involved, there should be an opportunity to have paid signature gatherers	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	6/14/2007	Hearing-Bellevue	Tait, Richard	Article 6
Partisanship	Anthony Kyre	I would happen to prefer non-partisan elections in our county. It would force voters to look at the candidate rather than blindly following a party.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	8/7/2007	Email	Kyre, Antony	Various
Partisanship	City of Auburn, Office of the Mayor (via Peter B. Lewis)	Make all King County offices non-partisan. Voting should be along common sense rather than party lines.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	5/2/2007	Mail	City of Auburn, Office of the Mayor	Various
Partisanship	Doug Schulze	Make all King County offices non-partisan.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	5/19/2007	Web form	Schulze, Doug	Various
Partisanship	Julianne Kempf	Partisanship can be a positive thing. Voters want more information about candidates, and party identification provides information.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Kempf, Julianne	Various
Partisanship	King County Democrats (via Susan Sheary)	Opposes non-partisanship, and charter amendments proposing to shift positions from partisan to nonpartisan.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	7/3/2007	Mail	King County Democrats	Various

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Partisanship	King County, Executive (via Ron Sims)	Maintain currently partisan offices as partisan (the County Council, Executive, Assessor, and Prosecutor).	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	7/25/2007	Email	King County Office of the Executive	Various
Partisanship	Larry Phillips	Favors partisan elections. Public demands transparency in government, and party affiliation provides transparency.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/12/2007	Hearing-Seattle Public Library	Phillips, Larry	Various
Partisanship	Lori Sotelo	Favors partisan County elections.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/14/2007	Hearing-Bellevue	Sotelo, Lori	Various
Partisanship	Miriam Helgeland	Favors nonpartisan elections.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/28/2007	Hearing-Kent	Helgeland, Miriam	Various
Partisanship	Pete von Reichbauer	Supports non-partisan elections for King County officials and encourages the CRC to support a public vote on this issue.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	12/3/2007	Letter	von Reichbauer, Pete	Various
Partisanship	Sandra Cohen	The Council should not be partisan, because politicians are often beholden to the parties they identify with. However, because the issue is contentious it should be put before the voters to allow them to decide whether it should be a partisan body or not.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Cohen, Sandra	220.1
Partisanship	Steven Kendall	Make all current and possible future King County offices non-partisan.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Governmental Structure	4/7/2007	Email	Kendall, Steven	Various
Performance audits	Mark Early (WA Public Campaigns)	There should be regular review of county performance and efficiency.	Not under consideration	There are already efforts underway to measure county performance	Yes	N/A	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Early, Mark	New; 250
Personnel	Kathy Lambert	Issue: Labor contracts come to the Council with the terms already agreed upon, and the Council has no opportunity to participate in negotiations that may involve revisions to labor policy. (Section 520) Proposal: Require Council review and participation in labor negotiations, including quarterly briefings on negotiations status and the budget impacts of maintaining 98 separate bargaining units.	Needs consideration	Group personnel issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	520
Personnel	Kathy Lambert	Issue: Public versus private employment equity. Public salaries are based solely on comparison with other public sector salaries and not with competing salaries offered in the private sector, resulting in the county paying higher salaries than the market rate. (Section 540) Proposal: In forming salary decisions, require comparison to private sector employment as well as to the government sector. Currently, comparisons are allowed only to other public sector jobs.	Not under consideration	Council can set this policy	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	Article 5
Personnel	Kathy Lambert	Issue: Separately elected officials such as the sheriff do not have control over labor negotiations, which prevents them from effectively managing department costs and budgets. (Section 510) Proposal: Give separately elected officials authority over labor negotiations and labor contr+C42cts in their departments, and allow them the authority to negotiate within dollar limit and outlying year cost parameters established with the Executive.	Needs consideration	Group personnel issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	510

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Personnel	Kathy Lambert	Issue: The authority for removal of an employee is assigned solely to the Executive, and the Council has no ability to remove a problem employee. (Section 340.60) Proposal: Consider adding a super majority vote of the Council for removal of an employee, and better define "malfeasance" and the process for addressing it.	Needs consideration	Group personnel issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	340.6
Personnel	Kathy Lambert	Issue: The Council has no authority over removal of department heads. (Section 340.10) Proposal: Allow department heads to be removed by the Council in the same method as prescribed for the Board of Appeals in Section 710.	Needs consideration	Group personnel issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	340.1
Personnel	Kathy Lambert	Issue: The Executive is authorized to appoint the chief executive officer of every executive department without consulting any other official, which leaves open the opportunity for making political appointments. (section 340.10) Proposal: Allow the Council to request a public hearing before hiring any department head if a majority of the councilmembers has concerns about the appointment.	Needs consideration	Group personnel issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	340.1
Personnel	Kathy Lambert	Issue: The Personnel Board has no representation from the Council among the five members. (Section 540) Proposal: Change the membership of the five-member Personnel Board to two Executive appointees, two Council appointees and one elected by county employees. The members also should include one representative of non-unionized employees, at-will employees, businesses of less than 100 employees, and the general public.	Needs consideration	Group personnel issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	540
Personnel	Kathy Lambert	Issue: The Personnel Board is required to report annually to the Executive. (Section 540) Proposal: Require the Personnel Board also to report annually to the Council.	Needs consideration	Group personnel issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	540
Prosecuting Attorney	Brian Derdowski	The Prosecuting Attorney's office lacks direction in how it handles cases for county departments. No list of current cases exists, and there are no statistics on the win vs. loss rate of the PAO.	Not under consideration	PAO is a statutory office; council has oversight of risk management program and budget	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Derdowski, Brian	New
Public disclosure	Julianne Kempf	Public disclosure requirements should be strengthened. There is not real time limit on how long a department has to respond to a disclosure request.	Not under consideration	The 5-day time limit is sufficient	Legal difficulties	N/A	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Kempf, Julianne	
Public disclosure	Mark Early (WA Public Campaigns)	Public disclosure laws should be more generous to the needs of the public. Metro, for example, is an "impenetrable fortress" with regard to disclosure of requested information.	Not under consideration	State law is sufficient	Legal caution	N/A	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Early, Mark	830

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Regional Committees	City of Bellevue (Deputy Mayor John Chelminiak)	Clarify and strengthen charter to ensure meaningful and expanded voice for cities: specific language about composition and responsibilities; reduce the number of county seats to 3; increase number of seats for cities, including allocate a seat to cities with established percentage of county population; give Shohomish County sewer districts a seat on RWQC; empower RC to create their own workplans; and clarify the role of the RCs to initiate legislation.	Committee considering	Regional Committees Stakeholder Group established	Yes	Regional Governance	11/5/2007 11/20/2007	letter	City of Bellevue	270
Regional Committees	City of Seattle Mayor's Office (Mian Rice)	The City of Seattle supports Bellevue's place at the table.	Committee considering	Regional Committees Stakeholder Group established	Yes	Regional Governance	11/5/2007	subcom mtg	Rice	270
Regional Committees	King County, Department of Natural Resources and Parks (via Pam Bissonnette)	Include a representative from Snohomish County on the Regional Water Quality Committee to replace one of the two existing seats for the sewer district representatives.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	7/26/2007	Email	King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks	270.2
Regional Committees	King County, Department of Natural Resources and Parks (via Pam Bissonnette)	The charter should be amended to provide that the sewer district representative and the new Snohomish representative on the Regional Water Quality Committee come from sewer districts or areas "served by the county wastewater system" rather than just sewer districts "in the county".	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	7/26/2007	Email	King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks	270.2
Regional Committees	King County, Department of Transportation (via Doug Hodson)	Section 270.20, composition of regional committees, warrants internal discussion. Regional Transportation Committee composition: would not make sense to proceed with unless there was broader County-wide interest in a similar effort with the Regional Policy and Regional Water Quality Committees. The original issue was how much the RTC was duplicative of the Council's Transportation Committee and whether this was an opportunity to clarify roles further.	Committee considering		Unsure-needs follow-up	Regional Governance	7/30/2007	Email	King County Department of Transportation	270.2
Regional Committees	King County, Department of Transportation (via Doug Hodson)	Update Section 350.20.30 to reflect current organization-- Metropolitan Services Department Transitory Provisions	Committee considering		Unsure-needs follow-up	Regional Governance	7/30/2007	Email	King County Department of Transportation	350.20.30
Regional Committees	King County, Department of Transportation (via Doug Hodson)	Update Section 920.20.10 to reflect current organization-- Department of Public Works, Utilities and Transportation	Committee considering		Unsure-needs follow-up	Regional Governance	7/30/2007	Email	King County Department of Transportation	350.20.10
Regional Committees	King County, Department of Transportation (via Doug Hodson)	Update to reflect current organization--Section 350.20.30 Metropolitan Services Department Transitory Provisions	Committee considering		Unsure-needs follow-up	Regional Governance	7/30/2007	Email	King County Department of Transportation	350.20.30

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Regional Committees	League of Women Voters (via Christel Brunnenkant)	The regional committees should be continued, their functions reviewed and their recommendations taken into consideration by the Council when making policy. We support a county policy making body with legal authority to establish policy for functions which require solutions across the County.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	5/24/2007	Mail	League of Women Voters	270
Regional Committees	Mayor Greg Nickels	Reduce Council membership on each RC; maintain or increase city representation; add Snohomish County representation; allow committees to select their own leadership; and allow RCs to initiate motions and ordinances.	Committee considering	Regional Committees Stakeholder Group established	Yes	Regional Governance	12/5/2007	letter	Nickels	270
Regional Committees	Miriam Helgeland	County should not alter the regional committees	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	6/28/2007	Hearing-Kent	Helgeland, Miriam	270
Regional Committees	Municipal League of King County (via Lucy Steers)	The regional committees should be continued, their functions reviewed and their recommendations taken into consideration by the Council when making policy. We support a county policy making body with legal authority to establish policy for functions which require solutions across the County.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	4/24/2007	Commission Meeting	Municipal League of King County	270
Regional Committees	Sandra Cohen	The regional committees are not as strong as they could be. The role of the cities and towns on the committees should be strengthened. The regional transit committee should have a stronger role.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Cohen, Sandra	270 (270.20)
Regional Committees	Seattle City Council (Richard Conlin)	Give RCs significant decision making authority or reform them into purely advisory committees.	Committee considering	Regional Committees Stakeholder Group established	Yes	Regional Governance	11/5/2007 12/04/2007	subcom mtg letter	Conlin	270
Regional Committees	Snoqualmie Indian Tribe (via R. Fuzzy Fletcher)	As the Charter is currently written, Section 270.20 allows for "elected city officials" to be on regional committees, but is silent regarding elected Tribal officials. While the Tribe is a sovereign nation and not a municipality of Washington State, it does reside within King County. There is much interest to include elected Tribal officials in the regional committees.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	5/23/2007	Mail	Snoqualmie Indian Tribe	270.2
Regional Committees	Sonny Putter (Suburban Cities Association)	Consider adding budget authority over the enterprise fund, transit, water quality to the Regional Committee's scope of work.	Committee considering		Legal caution	Regional Governance	6/14/2007	Hearing-Bellevue	Putter, Sonny	270
Regional Committees	Sonny Putter (Suburban Cities Association)	Eliminate doubles, issues that both regional committees and King County standing committees must address.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	6/14/2007	Hearing-Bellevue	Putter, Sonny	270
Regional Committees	Sonny Putter (Suburban Cities Association)	Give regional committee final authority over its yearly workplan.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	6/14/2007	Hearing-Bellevue	Putter, Sonny	270 (270.30)
Regional Committees	Sonny Putter (Suburban Cities Association)	Permit regional committees to select Chair from among their membership rather than appointed by Chair of KC Council.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	6/14/2007	Hearing-Bellevue	Putter, Sonny	270
Regional Committees	Suburban Cities Association (via Karen Goroski)	Each regional committee shall have final authority over their yearly work plan.	Committee considering		Unsure-needs follow-up	Rural/Local Issues	9/20/2007	Mail	Suburban Cities Association 2	

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Regional Committees	Suburban Cities Association (via Karen Goroski)	Regional committees shall select their chair from among their membership.	Committee considering		Unsure-needs follow-up	Rural/Local Issues	9/20/2007	Mail	Suburban Cities Association 2	
Regional Committees	WA Association of Sewer and Water Districts (Tom Peadon, Coal Creek Utility District)	Sewer District representation on the RWQC should not be reduced and Snohomish County should not be given a voting position on the RWQC	Committee considering	Regional Committees Stakeholder Group established	Yes	Regional Governance	11/5/2007 11/26/2007	subcom mtg letter	Coal Creek	270
Rural Affairs	Alan Dujenski	County should have more Council representation in rural areas	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	6/21/2007	Hearing-Preston	Dujenski, Alan	New; 220
Rural Affairs	David Field	Townships would be a good model to improve rural governance, but the state Attorney General invalidated the possibility. Try to get that decision reversed.	Committee considering		Legal difficulties	Rural/Local Issues	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Field, David	
Rural Affairs	David Olson	Provide checks and balances between Urban and Rural (incorporated or not)	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	11/14/2007	Web form	Olson, David	
Rural Affairs	Dick Bonewits (Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council)	Create a new position: Deputy of Rural Affairs. Staff the appropriate county offices with people who have experience in rural affairs.	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Bonewits, Dick	New
Rural Affairs	Dick Bonewits (Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council)	There is a fragmented and inadequate policy development process for rural areas. The process has not been reevaluated since its inception.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Bonewits, Dick	New; 270
Rural Affairs	Dick Bonewits (Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council)	There is inadequate representation of rural needs with respect to cities and the state.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Bonewits, Dick	New
Rural Affairs	Edwin Nelson	Establish a rural affairs department with offices in Monroe, North Bend, and Enumclaw. Rural resident voices need to be heard	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	6/21/2007	Hearing-Preston	Nelson, Edwin	New
Rural Affairs	Greater Maple Valley Area Council (via Dick Bonewits)	Change the staffing of the policy planning staff to include at least two, or three, professional policy planners with extensive "hands on" rural area experience and perhaps in the urban UAC's.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	5/22/2007	Email	Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council	New
Rural Affairs	Greater Maple Valley Area Council (via Dick Bonewits)	Create a position of "Director of Rural Affairs" reporting directly to Commissioners rather than a subjugated "ombudsman." The "Director of Rural Affairs will have the responsibility of attending rural UAC meetings and be the rural area day-to-day interface with policy planners.	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	5/22/2007	Email	Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council	New
Rural Affairs	Greater Maple Valley Area Council (via Dick Bonewits)	Take the responsibility for rural area policy development, out of DDES and DNR-P/W&LRD put it back in the Executive policy planning staff as it previously was several years ago.	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	5/22/2007	Email	Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council	New

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Rural Affairs	Kathy Lambert	Issue: Public dissatisfaction with the lack of a dedicated local services provider, such as the municipal structure of cities, for land use and other local government services and policies that affect only rural area residents. Unincorporated Area Councils do not represent all rural residents, and they have no decision-making authority. (Section 230.10.10)	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	230/10/10
Rural Affairs	Kathy Lambert	Not enough representation in rural areas -- DDES should report to her and Councilmember Dunn, as they really work for the unincorporated areas	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	6/21/2007	Hearing-Preston	Lambert, Kathy 2	New
Rural Affairs	Ken Hearing (City of North Bend)	Residents in rural unincorporated King County are substantially underrepresented. Need additional representation	Committee considering		Legal caution	Rural/Local Issues	6/21/2007	Hearing-Preston	Hearing, Ken	New; 220; 910; 650
Rural Affairs	Ken Konigsmark	Create a rural advisory commission to advise the council on rural affairs. UAC, Ag Commission, and rural forest commission are too narrow in focus and geographic region to meet this need	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	6/21/2007	Hearing-Preston	Konigsmark, Ken	New
Rural Affairs	Matt Larson (City of Snoqualmie)	Encourages a charter change that would give unincorporated areas such as Fall City a voice in local government	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	6/21/2007	Hearing-Preston	Larson, Matt	New
Rural Affairs	Melody Scherting	Changes affecting Unincorporated communities such as transfer of the local Fall City Park to the Snoqualmie tribe, should not be done without public notice, public comment, and public vote	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	6/21/2007	Hearing-Preston	Scherting, Melody	New
Rural Affairs	Pat Traub	Preserve rural way of life, and improve rural representation.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Traub, Pat	New
Rural Affairs	Peter Lamana	CRC should explore the option of the township model	Committee considering		Legal difficulties	Rural/Local Issues	6/21/2007	Hearing-Preston	Lamana, Peter	
Rural Affairs	Susan Miller	County should send a departmental representative to the local community organization meetings, such as Fall City Community Association	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	6/21/2007	Hearing-Preston	Miller, Susan	New
Rural Affairs	Teresa Kluver	Greater focus on meeting the needs of rural areas. The needs of rural areas are often overshadowed by the larger voting populaces and appear under-represented.	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	7/16/2007	Web form	Kluver, Teresa	New
Rural Affairs	Vashon-Maury Island Unincorporated Area Council (via Jim English)	Establish a Charter requirement for a semiannual Assistant King County Executive-sponsored Operations Cabinet Meeting for Unincorporated Area Councils, hosted by the Assistant County Executive and a broad representation of county agency directors and managers at a location of the Assistant County Executive's choosing.	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	5/29/2007	Commission Meeting	Vashon-Maury Island Unincorporated Area Council	New
Sheriff	Antony Kyre	The Sheriff should be elected, to keep corruption to a minimum.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	8/7/2007	Email	Kyre, Antony	350.20.40; 645
Sheriff	Donn Charnley	The Sheriff should be appointed, not elected.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Charnley, Donn	350.20.40; 645
Sheriff	Doug Schulze	The Sheriff should be appointed, not elected.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	5/19/2007	Web form	Schulze, Doug	350.20.40; 645

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Sheriff	Elaine Phelps	The Sheriff should not necessarily be elected. The Sheriff's office should be under another authority, not independent as it is now.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Phelps, Elaine	350.20.40; 645
Sheriff	Jackie Ruedi	Change the position of Sheriff back to appointed. As an elected position, Sheriff Reichert was accountable to nobody because it is impossible for the public to recognize that a problem of corruption and pattern of criminal conduct exists - it is rare that it is exposed to the public	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	11/27/2007	Web form	Ruedi, Jackie	
Sheriff	Jackie Ruedi	Sheriff Rahr now wants to negotiate the Guild contract, but that is too much power vested in one person - Sheriff Rahr needs to enforce the laws outside and within her own department and leave the contract negotiations and policy making to those in the legislative and executive positions	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	11/27/2007	Web form	Ruedi, Jackie	
Sheriff	Jean Durbin	Favors an elected Sheriff.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/20/2007	Hearing-West Seattle	Durbin, Jean	350.20.40; 645
Sheriff	Jesus Y. Rodriguez	The Sheriff should be appointed, not elected.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	7/3/2007	Email	Rodriguez, Jesus	350.20.40; 645
Sheriff	Kathy Lambert	Issue: The Executive is given the title of chief peace officer, although the sheriff is now separately elected. (Section 320.20) Proposal: Delete reference to "chief peace officer."	Needs consideration	Group Sheriff's departmental issues together; hold for later	Yes	TBD	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	320.2
Sheriff	King County, Executive (via Ron Sims)	The Sheriff should return to an appointed position.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	7/27/2007	Email	King County Office of the Executive	350.20.40; 645
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	3.14.010 Strike out whole section	Not under consideration	Code change, not a charter issue	Legal difficulties	N/A	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	3.14.010 Strike out whole section	Not under consideration	Code change, not a charter issue	Legal difficulties	N/A	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	3.14.030 Strike out whole section	Not under consideration	Code change, not a charter issue	Legal difficulties	N/A	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	3.14.040 Strike out whole section	Not under consideration	Code change, not a charter issue	Legal difficulties	N/A	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	3.16.010 Bargaining agent designated: (Add after "agent for King County) except as provided in Ordinance _____ (3.16.011) and Section _____ of the King County Charter designating the Sheriff has the bargaining agent for King County for Sheriff's Office employees.	Not under consideration	Code change, not a charter issue	Legal difficulties	N/A	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	3.16.015 Definitions: C. after King County executive add "and the King County Sheriff as applicable."	Not under consideration	Code change, not a charter issue	Legal difficulties	N/A	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	

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Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	3.16.015 Definitions: G. Strike "department of public safety"; Add "King County Sheriff's Office"	Not under consideration	Code change, not a charter issue	Legal difficulties	N/A	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	3.16.020 Powers: Replace "agent" with "agents"; Replace "is" with "are"; Replace "Section 890" with "Sections 890"; Replace "agent" with "agents" after The bargaining	Not under consideration	Code change, not a charter issue	Legal difficulties	N/A	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	3.16.025 General provisions: Replace all "agent" with "agents"; 3B Strike "sole"; 3B Replace "negotiator" with "negotiators"	Not under consideration	Code change, not a charter issue	Legal difficulties	N/A	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	3.16.050 Labor policy committee functions: Replace all "agent" with "agents"	Not under consideration	Code change, not a charter issue	Legal difficulties	N/A	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	3.16.055 Labor implementation committee functions: Replace all "agent" with "agents"	Not under consideration	Code change, not a charter issue	Legal difficulties	N/A	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	3.16.055-3.03.060 Personnel: Replace all "agent" with "agents"; Replace all "agent's" with "agents"; after "related information presented by the bargaining" add "agents"	Not under consideration	Code change, not a charter issue	Legal difficulties	N/A	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	320.20 Powers and Duties: (Strike out) shall be the chief peace officer of the county and shall execute and enforce all ordinances and state statues within the county.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	320.20
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	350.20 Executive Departments: (Add to the end) The King County Sheriff's Office is not an Executive Branch Agency or Department.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	350.20
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	350.20.40: Replace Department of Public Safety with Sheriff's Office; (Strike out whole section); (Add) The elected King County Sheriff shall administer the King County Sheriff's Office. King County voters shall elect the Sheriff to a four year term. The Sheriff shall administer the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office is not an agency or Department under the Executive Branch. The Sheriff's Office shall be subject to the civil service system and may but is not required to use the administrative offices of the Executive Departments.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	350.30.40
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	920.20.20 Replace Department of Public Safety with "The King County's Sheriff's Office"; (Strike) department of public safety; (Strike) shall administer the county jail	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	920.20.20

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Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	970.50 Sheriff's Civil Service System: (Strike) continue in full force and effect for a period of two years after the effective date of the personnel system. At the end of the two year period, the county council may be ordinance provide that the sheriff's civil service commission be terminated and that its duties be assumed by the personnel system established by this charter. In such an event, the personnel rules adopted by the county council shall not be applied so as to decrease or eliminate any of the rights, privileges and protections granted to the deputy sheriffs and other employees covered by the sheriff's civil service system except to the extent permitted by the state constitution and general law; and, if a personnel rule cannot be applied to the deputy sheriff's and other employees covered by the sheriff's civil service system, the county council may adopt special rules which will apply only to the deputy sheriffs and other employees covered by the sheriff's civil service system.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	970.50
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	A new section is added to chapter 13.14 of the King County Code to read as follows: The King County Council shall adopt an ordinance by _____(need date) to restore the Sheriff's Office Civil Service Commission and system consistent with the provisions of chapter 41.14 RCW.	Not under consideration	Code change, not a charter issue	Legal difficulties	N/A	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	A new section is added to Article 8 General Provisions of the King County Charter to read as follows: Section 897. The King County Council may enact an ordinance providing for collective bargaining by the county with county employees covered by the Sheriff's Office civil service system. The County Executive shall not have veto power over this ordinance. The King County Sheriff's Office shall bargain the contracts with the collective bargaining agents within the King County Sheriff's Office on all matters except salary and benefits which shall be negotiated by the County Executive as provided in Section 890 of this Charter. Any agreement reached as a result of negotiations between the Sheriff's Office and the county employees shall not have force of law unless enacted by ordinance.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	897
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	A new section is added to Article 9 Transitory Provisions to read as follows: 920.21.25: The Executive Branch Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention shall administer the King County Jails and the King County Juvenile Detention Center.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	920.21.25
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	A new section is added to chapter 3.14 of the King County code to read as follows: Ordinance 12014 and King County Code Sections 3.14.010, 3.14.020, 3.14.030, and 3.04.040 are repealed effective _____(need effective date).	Not under consideration	Code change, not a charter issue	Legal difficulties	N/A	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	

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Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	A new section is added to chapter 3.16 of the King County Code to read as follows: 3.16.011 Bargaining agent for King County Sheriff's Office. There is established an ordinance for collective bargaining and, pursuant to the provisions of Section___ of the King County Charter, the King County Sheriff is designated the bargaining agent for King County Sheriff's Office employees (Note: this will either be for all "labor policy" or for labor policy other than salary and benefits: working conditions and other terms of employment. The draft will vary accordingly)	Not under consideration	Code change, not a charter issue	Legal difficulties	N/A	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	Add new Section 897: The King County Council may enact an ordinance providing for collective bargaining by the county with county employees covered by the Sheriff's Office civil service system. The County Executive shall not have veto power over this ordinance. The King County Sheriff's Office shall bargain the contracts with the collective bargaining agents within the King County Sheriff's Office. Any agreement reached as a result of negotiations between the Sheriff's Office and the county employees shall not have force of law unless enacted by ordinance.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	New; 890
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Scott Sotebeer)	Section 890 Employee Representation: (Add after "...county employees shall not have the force of law until enacted by ordinance) This section shall not apply to the King County Sheriff's Office to the extent the County Executive shall negotiate salary and benefits for Sheriff's Office employees.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	5/21/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office	890
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Sheriff Sue Rahr)	Authorize the Sheriff to negotiate and manage Sheriff's Office labor contracts.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	9/25/2007	Commission Meeting	King County Sheriff's Office 2	
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Sheriff Sue Rahr)	Re-establish the Sheriff's Office's Civil Service Board as a separate and independent commission as provided by state law.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	9/25/2007	Commission Meeting	King County Sheriff's Office 2	
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Office (via Sheriff Sue Rahr)	There is charter language in place that is confusing and conflicting on the following points: 1) the charter still refers to the Sheriff's Department as 'The Department of Public Safety' 2) the charter still refers to the Sheriff's Office as an 'executive branch department' 3) the charter still refers to the County Executive as the Chief Peace Officer.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	9/25/2007	Commission Meeting	King County Sheriff's Office 2	
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Operational Master Plan Committee (via Sue Rahr and Bob Cowan)	The Sheriff should have control over management rights issues, including negotiating pay and benefits, so long as she stays within the budget established by the Executive and Council. The Executive should remain responsible for the budget.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	6/19/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office Operational Master Plan Committee	Article 4; 350.20.40
Sheriff	King County, Sheriff's Operational Master Plan Committee (via Sue Rahr and Bob Cowan)	The Sheriff should have the ability to make staff appointments, so long as she stays within the approved budget.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	6/19/2007	Mail	King County Sheriff's Office Operational Master Plan Committee	New; 350.20.40

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Sheriff	Liz Giba	Favors an elected Sheriff.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/20/2007	Hearing-West Seattle	Giba, Liz	350.20.40; 645
Sheriff	Lori Sotelo	Favors an elected Sheriff.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/14/2007	Hearing-Bellevue	Sotelo, Lori	350.20.40; 645
Sheriff	Mark Ufkes	He does not believe we should elect the Sheriff.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/20/2007	Hearing-West Seattle	Ufkes, Mark	350.20.40; 645
Sheriff	Revelle, Randy	Allow the Sheriff to negotiate collective bargaining agreements directly with the police guild and unions that represent her employees. These agreements control not only wages and benefits, but more importantly, they control the rights and ability of the Sheriff to manage her work force.	Committee considering		Yes	Regional Governance	10/30/2007	Commission Meeting	Revelle, Randy	
Sheriff	Revelle, Randy	Favors the appointment of the Director of Elections.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	10/30/2007	Commission Meeting	Revelle, Randy	
Sheriff	Robert Ransom (City of Shoreline)	The Sheriff should be an appointed police chief under the Executive, not elected.	Committee considering		Yes	Governmental Structure	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Ransom, Robert	350.20.40; 645
Sheriff	Suburban Cities Association (via Karen Goroski)	The Charter should exclude contract matters relevant to the King County Sheriff.	Committee considering		Unsure-needs follow-up	Regional Governance	9/20/2007	Mail	Suburban Cities Association	
Sustainability	Lindsay Nussbaum	Sustainability is an important issue and should be part of our government.	Not under consideration	Too broad to consider	Yes	N/A	4/26/2007	Web form	Nussbaum, Lindsey	New
Sustainability	Lindsey Nussbaum	Would like to see a charter amendment that promote economic, ecological, and social sustainability. Institutionalize sustainability.	Not under consideration	Too broad to consider	Yes	N/A	6/20/2007	Hearing-West Seattle	Nussbaum, Lindsey 2	New
Taxes	David Field	Persons 62 years and over with 10+ years in their home should be granted immunity from county-generated taxes. This will stop older people from being forced out of their homes, after they have already paid their share.	Not under consideration	Already have property tax exemption for senior citizens under state law	Legal difficulties	N/A	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Field, David	
Taxes	Gregory Sender	Property tax limits are needed. Initiative 747 should be affirmed.	Not under consideration	Constrained by state law	Legal difficulties	N/A	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Sender, Gregory	
Taxes	Larry Clements	Support setting limits on property tax increases	Not under consideration	Constrained by state law	Legal difficulties	N/A	6/28/2007	Hearing-Kent	Clements, Larry	
Taxes	Teresa Kluver	Return a certain percentage of county tax revenues to the area from which they were generated. This provides an assurance for an equalization of local benefits - parks, trails, streets - in less populated areas.	Not under consideration	Policy issue for the council	Unsure-needs follow-up	N/A	7/16/2007	Web form	Kluver, Teresa	New
Transit	Robert Harper	Too much money is spent on transit. KC transit should decrease the percentage of funds allocated for mass transit and spend in proportion to the number of people using the public highways and public transit.	Not under consideration	Policy issue for the council	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	6/14/2007	Hearing-Bellevue	Harper, Robert	New

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Transportation	North Highline Unincorporated Area Council (via Heidi Johnson)	Transportation reform is needed.	Not under consideration	Too broad to consider	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	5/30/2007	Email, Mail	North Highline Unincorporated Area Council	New
Transportation	Workforce Development Council of Seattle (via Kris Stadelman)	Transportation reform should take place in King County to reflect its neighborhoods' economic diversity.	Not under consideration	Too broad to consider	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	5/30/2007	Email	Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County	New
Tribes	Suburban Cities Association (via Karen Goroski)	Tribal issues are a matter of local concern and King county should encourage the collaboration between local jurisdictions and the tribes.	Committee considering		Unsure-needs follow-up	Regional Governance	9/20/2007	Mail	Suburban Cities Association 2	
Unincorporated areas	Brian Derdowski	Our current charter provision on initiatives in unincorporated areas violates the 1-person 1-vote principle.	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Derdowski, Brian	230.5
Unincorporated areas	Claire Hanson	The county needs to do a better job representing unincorporated areas like Boulevard Park.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	6/20/2007	Hearing-West Seattle	Hanson, Claire	New
Unincorporated areas	Claire Hanson	The UACs should not be treated as governmental entities, given the small numbers of people voting in those elections.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	6/20/2007	Hearing-West Seattle	Hanson, Claire	New
Unincorporated areas	David Olson	Send all land use ordinaces to the unincorporated areas for an advisory vote	Not under consideration		Legal difficulties	Rural/Local Issues	11/14/2007	Web form	Olson, David	
Unincorporated areas	Dick Bonewits	Townships would not work well here.	Committee considering		Legal difficulties	Rural/Local Issues	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Bonewits, Dick	
Unincorporated areas	Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council (via Rick Spence)	Establish a Charter requirement for the creation and management of comprehensive subarea plans for unincorporated King County scoped and modeled similar to those produced by municipalities.	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	5/30/2007	Commission Meeting	Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council	New
Unincorporated areas	Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council (via Rick Spence)	Establish a Charter requirement for the existence of a Department of Unincorporated and Rural Affairs with the missing of maximizing value of unincorporated resources while maintaining the well being of a vibrant rural economy and lifestyle.	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	5/31/2007	Commission Meeting	Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council	New
Unincorporated areas	Jack Kelley	Establish written protocol (like RCWs) for the formation of Unincorporated Area Councils (UACs). Those in favor of forming UACs are unresponsive to citizens who oppose the formation. Written protocol should be developed to create a fair playing field.	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	8/22/2007	Web form	Kelley, Judy	New
Unincorporated areas	Jack Kelley	There should be a moratorium on applications for new UACs. The existing UAC formation process is undemocratic and flawed. The UAC process should be modeled after the process for forming a district as outlined in state law (RCW 36.69.010).	Committee considering		Unsure-needs follow-up	Rural/Local Issues	9/24/2007	Letter	Kelley, Jack 2; Kelley, Jack 3	

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Unincorporated areas	Jesus Y. Rodriguez	Constituent Services - North Highline UAC - Despite the fact that White Center has a very large Latino and immigrant population; the UAC has been non-representative, autocratic and non-welcoming of ethnic minority voices over much of its existence. The few ethnic minority representatives that have managed to get on this select group are not made to feel that they belong. Old boy politics influenced by the Sheriffs office have been the rule rather than the exception. Please revamp or dissolve.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	7/3/2007	Email	Rodriguez, Jesus	New
Unincorporated areas	Judy Kelley	Establish better methods for more direct representation of KC's unincorporated area residents; something more responsive and equitable. Unincorporated Area Councils lack decision-making authority and do not represent everyone residing in rural King County.	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	8/22/2007	Web form	Kelley, Judy; Kelley, Judy 2	New
Unincorporated areas	Kathy Lambert	Issue: Council District offices are staffed and funded equally although the responsibilities for local government functions and the corresponding staff workloads vary according to how much of each district is unincorporated. Staffing levels should reflect the amount of local government services that need to be provided by each district. Some districts are very large and transportation takes more time than smaller districts. In addition, some districts have long distance calls to their citizens while others do not. (220.30) Proposal: Provide for proportional staffing and funding to Council District offices that represent local government functions for unincorporated areas.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	220.3
Unincorporated areas	Kathy Lambert	Issue: Public dissatisfaction with Executive proposals for rural areas. The county is focusing on providing regional services and neglecting the local government duties. (Section 320.20) Proposal: Require Executive to consult on rural issues with all Councilmembers in Districts that have at least 25 percent rural area. Clarify the primary role of the county as a local government provider to the unincorporated areas.	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	New; 320.20
Unincorporated areas	Kathy Lambert	King County should require approval of more than 60 percent of the unincorporated area representatives to approve Council actions affecting the unincorporated area.	Committee considering		Legal difficulties	Rural/Local Issues	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	
Unincorporated areas	Kathy Lambert	Require the county to provide local services at a level that is at least equivalent to the median for surrounding cities. Those local government services should have priority for funding before considering other services.	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	New; Article 4
Unincorporated areas	Kathy Lambert	State law should be changed to require the growth management board to work with all unincorporated areas to become part of existing annexation areas or to incorporate their own cities for local government control, or to organize as townships.	Committee considering		Legal difficulties	Rural/Local Issues	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	
Unincorporated areas	Kathy Lambert	The Councilmembers representing unincorporated areas should have direct authority over the departments providing local government services, similar to the mayor of a city.	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	New; 220

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Unincorporated areas	Kathy Lambert	The Snoqualmie Valley Government Association is made up of the mayors of each of the cities and the County Councilmember representing that area. This body should be given authority for making all decisions that affect the surrounding rural areas in the Snoqualmie Valley. This would require changing the state law that requires county codes to supersede city regulations when contracting with local cities for government services. The city's codes should take precedence, to make it easier for the city to provide the service in closer proximity, and to assist in annexations in the proposed annexation areas.	Committee considering		Legal difficulties	Rural/Local Issues	6/26/2007	Commission Meeting	Lambert, Kathy	
Unincorporated areas	Kathy Myers	County government is not accountable to rural residents on issues that affect only rural residents.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Myers, Kathy	New
Unincorporated areas	Larry Clements	Reduce the power of the large city vote most effectively by the initiative process so elections are heavily centered in just Seattle.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	6/28/2007	Hearing-Kent	Clements, Larry	230.50?
Unincorporated areas	Liz Giba	Concerns about annexation – no contested seats for UAC in last election – Only volunteer in the area, more outreach needs to occur in these areas.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	6/20/2007	Hearing-West Seattle	Giba, Liz	New
Unincorporated areas	Mark Ufkes	UAC elections are very small, and the UACs do not represent the areas well. There should be a clarification of roles, and UAC's should not be making policy.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	6/20/2007	Hearing-West Seattle	Ufkes, Mark	New
Unincorporated areas	Melody Scherting	There should be special representation of Unincorporated area residents -- County works well as a regional government but fails as a local government.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	6/21/2007	Hearing-Preston	Scherting, Melody	New
Unincorporated areas	Phillips, Larry	Support creating a Deputy Executive for Unincorporated Areas. It is critical that our citizens in the rural area, for whom King County is the sole local government service provider, have a direct voice in the Executive's office.	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	10/30/2007	Letter	Phillips, Larry 2	
Unincorporated areas	Steve Hammond	Rural areas need better representation. Strengthen the UACs. There are few rural councilmembers. There is a feeling that rural people are being governed by those who do not live among them.	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	7/10/2007	Hearing-Black Diamond	Hammond, Steve	New
Unincorporated areas	Suburban Cities Association (via Karen Goroski)	SCA recognizes the importance of rural governance and the need for the county and cities to work collaboratively to ensure the sustainability of rural unincorporated King County.	Committee considering		Unsure-needs follow-up	Rural/Local Issues	9/20/2007	Mail	Suburban Cities Association	
Unincorporated areas	Suburban Cities Association (via Karen Goroski)	SCA recommends that there be urban unincorporated transitional committees in the urban unincorporated areas.	Committee considering		Unsure-needs follow-up	Rural/Local Issues	9/20/2007	Mail	Suburban Cities Association	
Unincorporated areas	Suburban Cities Association (via Karen Goroski)	The executive branch should be required to consult with council members on issues that directly affect their districts within UGAs and PAAs.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	9/20/2007	Mail	Suburban Cities Association 2	Article 3
Unincorporated areas	Suburban Cities Association (via Karen Goroski)	The King County Charter needs to clearly define the differences among 'urban', 'urban unincorporated', and 'rural' areas in King county. Currently discussions center on 'rural' and 'urban' and 'urban unincorporated' is ignored.	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Rural/Local Issues	9/20/2007	Mail	Suburban Cities Association 2	

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Unincorporated areas	Suburban Cities Association (via Sonny Putter)	The County should phase out use of urban subsidies to supply urban level services in the urban unincorporated area. Proposed service policies and standards should be reviewed by the Regional Policy Committee (RPC).	Committee considering		Probably not a charter issue	Regional Governance	3/21/2007	Mail	Suburban Cities Association - Annexation	New
Unincorporated areas	Vanessa Allen (Fall City Community Association)	King County needs to establish more responsive and equitable representation of Unincorporated area residents. Rural issues should require a 60% approval rating by representatives of rural areas to approve rural issues.	Committee considering		Legal difficulties	Rural/Local Issues	5/30/2007	Email	Allen, Vanessa	
Unincorporated areas	Vashon-Maury Island Unincorporated Area Council (via Jim English)	Establish a Charter requirement for a semiannual Assistant King County Executive-sponsored Operations Cabinet Meeting, hosted by the Assistant County Executive and a broad representation of county agency directors and managers at a location of the Assistant County Executive's choosing.	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	5/29/2007	Commission Meeting	Vashon-Maury Island Unincorporated Area Council	New
Unincorporated areas	Vashon-Maury Island Unincorporated Area Council (via Jim English)	Establish a Charter requirement for an annual King County Council-sponsored Unincorporated Area Council forum, attended by King County Council members and senior Council staff members, at a location of the Council's choosing.	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	5/29/2007	Commission Meeting	Vashon-Maury Island Unincorporated Area Council	New
Unincorporated areas	Vashon-Maury Island Unincorporated Area Council (via Jim English)	The King County Executive-sponsored Unincorporated Area Councils should hold a yearly forum, attended by the County Executive and senior department heads and key staff members, to be hosted yearly by each participating UAC on a rotational basis.	Committee considering		Yes	Rural/Local Issues	5/29/2007	Commission Meeting	Vashon-Maury Island Unincorporated Area Council	New
Utilities	Jean Durbin	Would like to see the utilities protected from politics. Wastewater and solid waste are now cash cows, but there are still staff cutbacks at the plants.	Not under consideration	Not a charter issue	Probably not a charter issue	N/A	6/20/2007	Hearing-West Seattle	Durbin, Jean	New; 920.20
Utilities	King County, Department of Natural Resources and Parks (via Bob Hirsch)	To ensure the representation and participation of local governments in the formulation of regional wastewater system plans and policies, one of the sewer district seats should be given to the Snohomish County portion of the service area. In addition, the CRC should review the way that representatives are appointed to the Water Quality Committee. An oddity exists in that one of the members is from a sewer district that is not served by King County. The charter should be tightened to ensure that those elected officials serving on the Water Quality Committee are from agencies within the King County wastewater service area.	Committee considering		Unsure-needs follow-up	Regional Governance	9/25/2007	Commission Meeting	King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks 2	
Whistleblowers	Brian Derdowski	County employees deserve whistleblower protections.	Not under consideration	State law is sufficient	Yes	N/A	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Derdowski, Brian	Article 5
Whistleblowers	Julianne Kempf	Whistleblower protections are needed. Employees need support to be able to tell the truth.	Not under consideration	State law is sufficient	Yes	N/A	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	Kempf, Julianne	Article 5
Whistleblowers	Larry Clements	County employees deserve whistleblower protections.	Not under consideration	State law is sufficient	Yes	N/A	6/28/2007	Hearing-Kent	Clements, Larry	Article 5
Whistleblowers	Richard King	Whistleblower protections are needed.	Not under consideration	State law is sufficient	Yes	N/A	6/5/2007	Hearing-Shoreline	King, Richard	Article 5